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The Board of Preebolders held a long which coupty expenses were the topic of discussion, and the various sub-committees were requested to estimate the amount of funds necessary for the conducting of the several departments of the county government. Director McGowan presided at the conference, Spencer Johnson and County Councilman Munn were also present. At Director McGowan's suggestion Major Carl Lentz was invited to take part in the conference, Mr. McGowan explaining to his colleagues that the Major, pap. In represented in the proceedas the leader of the party which we look by beept L. Munn, and the responsible to the people for the interests of East Orange were looked management of county affairs, sould ter by City Counsel Philemon Woodhave a voice in determining the policy of that government and the about to be raised by taxation

Each Chairman was alled don in turn and asked what was the least possible amount of money is depart-ment could get the with in the estimate the others then took a hand that the Orange Water Company's at estimating, and in most instances, plant in that place included the forcew. the Chairman's figures were consider- ing items: 23,374 feet of two vermen ably reduced before the amount was pipe, 8 867 feet of eight-inch pipe, passed upon and a crowed. The appro- 134 838 beet of six-inch pipe, and 422 452 priations decided upon were formally approved by the finance Committee and later by the tire board when it ings and other appartenances met Thursday to make up the budget for the year.

After the list of appropriations had

been gone over it was announced that 574 three-ways, difty bonds, seventythe total amount for running expenses four reducers, 267 pluge, and 525 gates, to be placed in the budget would be. The witness further said that the something like \$45,000 less than the source of supply consisted of three appropriations last year. As the large open wells and a number of small \$300,000 bond issue for the new courthouse will necessitate placing about is in East Orange, and the others are \$25.000 more than last year in the in this town. sinking fund, however, the net saving will be something in the neighborhood of \$20,000, so far as the general county expenses are concerned.

It was decided to appropriate \$40,000 for a speedway in accordance with the provisions of the Bachellet act, and the Freeholders figured on giving \$100,000 to the County Park Commisstoners for park maintenance, so that the total of the county budget as made up will carry a sum of about \$120,000 in excess of the amount assessed upon the county last year Freeholder Soffel, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said after the meeting that although a \$100,000 appropriation for park maintenance had been figured upon the park commissioners would have to present a detailed estimate to his committee before any appropriation would be made for park

It is estimated by the Freeholders that a good portion of the \$120,000 increase in the budget this year will be offset by the increase in ratal's valuations in the county, which came of be determined until the County Board of Assessors meets next mouth, and that this increase in ratables, committed with the \$72,756 increase in State school funds the county will receive this year, whi obvious my remest's of an in years in the tax rate in the several municipalities if the monthly a expenditures are consely guarant.

One of the first tologs done at the conference was to declare against any increase in salaries of county employees this year. A petition for more wages had been made by the guards at the penitentiary, who receive \$60 a month. They asked to be paid \$75 a month, the same as the guards at the full receive. and their demand was followed by a request from the employees of the county asylums for higher wages. Both requests were promptly turned

The biggest cut in expenses decided on was in the appropriation for repairs to county buildings. Freeholder Frank F. Smith is Chairman of the Repairs Committee. Last year his committee had an appropriation of \$65,000. This year it will have to get along with \$40,000, and out of that amount will have to spend \$1,500 for building a partition across the big court-room at the court-house, so that separate rooms can be provided for Chief Justice Gummere and Judge Swayze.

Freeholder Beidleman decided that his committee which has charge of the county hospitals, could get along with \$6,000 less than last year by close economy, although there was an average increase of fifty more patients to care for, and Freeholder Oughletree appounced that he had seventeen miles more of county roads to look after than last year, but thought he could get through the year with the same appropriation, \$45,000. The appropristion for court expenses was cut down from \$105,000 to \$100,000, and it was decided to ask the sheriff and prosecutor to co-operate with the board in enforcing economy in their offices. One item which last year amounted to a large sum, it was pointed out, was the issuance of numerous subports in cases that were never brought to trial or in which the witnesses subportated were never called. It was suggested that, by exercising greater discretion in the fesuing of such papers, the prosecutor's office could materially aid in keeping down expenses.

It cost \$17,500 for expenses at the

decided that this amount could be ation will be that much less The reduced \$2,000, and a baif dozen other committees were cut down on their conference on Monday afternoon, at allowance, no single appropriation being

Commissioned Take Testimony

The commissioners appointed by Chief Justice summers to condemn the plant of he Orange Water Company, in ore r that the city of East Orange might acquire it as part of a municipal ater supply, met Wednesday morning to take testimony The commissioners are Amzi Dodd, Eugene Vanderp and J William Clark. and Blehard V. Lindabury.

It was agreed by coupsel that the city should set forth what it proposed to acquire from the company, and that then the company should prove the value of its plant. The first witness was William H. B. Reimer, the city engineer of East Orange. He testilled

The witness further said that the ones. One of the large wells, he said,

Too Much Is Spent on High Schools, Says Rev. Mr. Mann.

Clergyman Talks on Education at Civics Club's Dinner in Orange.

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in asion of these great organizations percortain them to have ends conflicted Wandruff Who we mar valuable heritage of freedom is popartized where are the men" The noblest form of patriotism is not military sources, but the every-day discharge of one s duty as a citizen. We must organize if we are going to do what all conceive to be the highest duty. Let the churches, the Y. M. C. A., the municipal leagues, all stand together, and organize and make that or ganization a means to an end, the highest good to the greatest number.



Rev. Charles H. Mann.

SCHOOL INSPECTION.

cil-Councilmen Pleased with the Condition and Conducting of the

Councilmen W. F. Harrison and John R. Conian constituting the Fi ance Committee of the Town Council, together with Chairman George Person of the Council, and William Dugias Moore, Councilman from the First Ward made an inspection of the public schools on Thursday This it section was not of a mere forms character, but was made with a view to obtaining exact and reliable into atton with fegard to the conducting of an I ascertainly a there a s-

close depection and inquiry with regard to the oter farce, the number of classes and teachers, and the grading of the classes. The tour times were well pleased with the to-not of their tour. They are satisfied that the town possesses an excellent school system both in school building and in the standard of educational work carried on Some of the Councilmen while of the

oplolon that in the enforcement of a uitra sti Deconomy some reductions might be made in the cost of the kindergand and High School departments, but the result would be to impair the present efficiency of both those departments, and the probability is that public sentiment would not be in accord with such a step.

The inspection made on Thursday is of practical benefit to the taxpayers of the town. It was made by men who are practical business men who were thoroughly representative of the great majority of taxpayers in this town, and who were on the lookout for any possible extravagances in school methods, and who stood ready to chop off any needless frills that might be detected. They did not hesitate to ask straight; forward, blunt questions as to the cost of maintenance of each department of the schools.

That the result of their work was satisfactory to them as taxpayers, and as trustees of the public interests, gives particular value to their findings.







